

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A fluid-filtration receptacle capable of containing a liquid when placed in a predetermined range of operative positions, wherein:
 - (a) the receptacle ~~comprising~~ comprises a user-fillable liquid-containable internal area defined by an at least partially-enclosing liquid-impermeable solid material, the liquid-impermeable solid material having a ~~releasably-sealed~~ semi-permeable drain disposed therethrough ~~[[,]]~~ and a seal component releasably-sealing said semi-permeable drain;
 - (b) the semi-permeable drain is capable of being either completely or variably unsealed by a user to allow draining of a predetermined corresponding volume of said liquid from said internal area when said receptacle is placed in at least one of said predetermined operative positions; and
 - (c) informative indicia on or proximate said seal component indicative of the predetermined volume of said liquid drained from said internal area when said semi-permeable drain is unsealed.
2. (Original) The fluid-filtration receptacle of claim 1, wherein the drain comprises at least one opening and a semi-permeable membrane material, the semi-permeable membrane material being positioned within or superposed over said opening.
3. (Amended) The fluid-filtration receptacle of claim 1, wherein said drain comprises a plurality of discrete, sealed, semi-permeable openings and said seal component comprises a corresponding plurality of independently removable seals, each of said openings capable of being individually and completely unsealed by a user by removal of a corresponding seal.
4. (Amended) The fluid-filtration receptacle of claim 1, wherein said drain comprises a single, sealed, semi-permeable opening and said seal component comprises a plurality of independently removable seals, said single opening capable of being variably unsealed by a user by removal of one or many of said independently removable seals.
5. (Amended) The fluid-filtration receptacle of claim 2, wherein said ~~opening is releasably sealed with~~ seal component is a removable plug.
6. (Amended) The fluid-filtration receptacle of claim 2, wherein said ~~opening is releasably sealed with~~ seal component is a removable thermoplastic covering.

7. (Amended) The fluid-filtration receptacle of claim 2, wherein said ~~opening is releasably sealed with~~ seal component is a removable elastomeric coating.

8. (Amended) The fluid-filtration receptacle of claim 2, wherein said ~~opening is releasably sealed with~~ seal component is a thin user-destructible thermoplastic film, the average thickness of said thermoplastic film being substantially less than the average thickness of said liquid-impermeable solid material.

9. (Amended) A centrifugal filter unit kit comprising the fluid-filtration ~~receptacle~~ receptacle of claim 1 and a filtrate collection vial, the fluid-filtration receptacle at least partially fittable within the filtrate collection vial whereby liquid drained from said internal area of said fluid-filtration receptacle collects in said filtrate collection vial.

10. (Original) The centrifugal filter unit kit of claim 9, wherein the drain comprises at least one opening and a semi-permeable membrane material, the semi-permeable membrane material being positioned within or superposed over said opening.

11. (New) A fluid-filtration receptacle capable of containing a liquid when placed in a predetermined range of operative positions, wherein:

(a) the receptacle comprises a user-fillable liquid-containable internal area defined by an at least partially-enclosing liquid-impermeable solid material, the liquid-impermeable solid material having a semi-permeable drain disposed therethrough and a seal component releasably-sealing said semi-permeable drain; and

(b) the semi-permeable drain comprises a plurality of discrete semi-permeable openings and the seal component comprises a corresponding plurality of independently removable seals, each of said openings capable of being individually and completely unsealed by a user by removal of one of said corresponding plurality of independently removable seals, whereby the semi-permeable drain is capable of being variably unsealed to allow draining of corresponding predetermined volumes of said liquid from said internal area when said receptacle is placed in at least one of said predetermined operative positions.

12. (New) A centrifugal filter unit kit comprising the fluid-filtration receptacle of claim 11 and a filtrate collection vial, the fluid-filtration receptacle at least partially fittable within the filtrate collection vial whereby liquid drained from said internal area of said fluid-filtration receptacle collects in said filtrate collection vial.